

## Message Text

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ACTION EB-07

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R 110955Z JUL 77  
FM AMEMBASSY DACCA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5347

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS : EAIR, BG  
SUBJECT : BANGLADESH BIMAN AIR CRASH

1. A BANGLADESH BIMAN FOKKER FRIENDSHIP WAS REPORTED TO  
HAVE BEEN DAMAGED DURING TAKEOFF IN CHITTAGONG ON JULY 7.

NO INJURES WERE REPORTED AND AIRPLANE DAMAGE WAS BELIEVED  
TO BE REPAIRABLE.

2. THE MANAGER OF THE EMBASSY'S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES  
IN CHITTAGONG REPORTS THAT THE AIRCRAFT WAS SCHEDULED TO  
LEAVE CHITTAGONG FOR DACCA ON A REGULARLY SCHEDULED FLIGHT  
WHEN THE CREW NOTICED SOME DEFECT IN ITS LANDING GEAR. THE  
PASSENGERS WERE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE AIRCRAFT AND AN  
ENGINEER WAS FLOWN TO CHITTAGONG FROM DACCA TO LOOK INTO  
THE PROBLEM. AFTER THE AIRPLANE WAS EXAMINED, IT WAS  
DECIDED TO FLY IT TO DACCA FOR REPAIRS. THE ACCIDENT  
OCCURRED DURING TAKEOFF FROM CHITTAGONG. THE JULY 8  
EDITION OF THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER REPORTS QUOTE THE  
ACCIDENT TOOK PLACE WHEN THE LEFT SIDE WHEEL BURNT AND  
THE PLANE RAMMED INTO GROUND AT THE ONE END OF RUNWAY  
WHERE IT ROLLED PREPARING TO FINALLY TAKE OFF UNQUOTE  
(EXACT QUOTE). DAMAGE TO THE PLANE WAS REPORTED IN  
OBSERVER AS QUOTE SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE ENGINE, PROPE-  
LLER, AND LANDING GEAR OF THE PLANE. NOSE, WHEEL AND BODY  
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WERE ALSO SLIGHTLY DAMAGED, UNQUOTE. THE EMBASSY'S CHI-  
TTAGONG ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER DESCRIBES THE DAMAGE TO  
THE PLANE AS SLIGHT AND REPAIRABLE.

3. A SEVEN-MAN TEAM FROM THE BDG'S CIVIL AVIATION  
DEPARTMENT WENT PROMPTLY TO CHITTAGONG TO INVESTIGATE  
THE ACCIDENT.

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